(a) whether it is a fact that the number of judges in Supreme Court has been increased from 26 to 30;

(b) if so, whether there is corresponding increase in the officers and staff working in the Supreme Court Registry; and

(c) if not, the reasons for continuing with the same number of officers and staff when the number of Courts have been increased?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) The number of Judges in the Supreme Court, excluding the Chief Justice of India, was increased from 25 to 30 *vide* the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Act, 2008.

(b) and (c) The Registry of the Supreme Court is taking necessary steps to increase the number of officers and staff working in the Supreme Court Registry.

Status of Law Commission's reports

2696. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reports of the Law Commission are not laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that previously the reports of the Law Commission were used to be laid before both the Houses of Parliament;

(d) if so, the reasons for stopping this practice; and

(e) whether Government would resume the practice of laying of Law Commission's report in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Reports of the Law Commission are still laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

Participation in International Conference of Jurists

2697. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is attending the International Conference of Jurists in 2010 in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the issues likely to be raised by the delegation at the said Conference?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) There is no such proposal for consideration before the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Application of doctrine of necessity

2698. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that legal system in many countries including India had resorted to the doctrines of necessity to incorporate exceptional and extraordinary legislations;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Special Commission for speedy disposal of cases

2699. SHRI Y. P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether delays in disposal of cases in courts have reached a frustrating level and common people are losing confidence in the judicial machinery; and

(b) if so, whether Government is planning to appoint a special commission to suggest ways and means for quicker disposal of the cases by cutting short the procedural laws and concentrating only on substantial law, appointing more judges to fill-up vacancies, strengthening alternative disputes, resolution machinery and appointing the tribunals which could administer justice without being bound by the technicalities or procedures of the Evidence Act?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI M. VEERAPPA MOILY): (a) and (b) While a large number of arrears in courts is a matter of concern, it is not correct that common people are losing confidence in the judicial machinery.

The Government is taking a number of steps to address the problem of court arrears. It has been decided, in principle, to set up a National Mission for Justice Delivery and Legal Reforms and also a registered society to service the Mission.

Student wings of political parties

2700. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether student wings of political parties like NSUI, ABVP, AISA, SFL, Samajwadi Yuvjan Sabha have been recognized as part of the political parties;